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Overview and Methods

This 2016 South Dakota Annual Report of Nursing Education Programs report was prepared by the South Dakota Board of Nursing (SDBON). Data for this report was collected from SDBON approved schools to fulfill a requirement for ongoing approval of their programs in accordance with ARSD 20:48:07:47. The report provides a descriptive analysis of the data collected. Aggregate data was collected from each approved nursing education program for the academic time period of Fall 2015 to Summer 2016. Data collected included information on program capacity, student enrollment, student demographics, curriculum, graduates, National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX®) reports, and faculty information; this information may be compared with historical data.

Upon review of the report the SDBON determines whether a program continues to comply with board standards for nursing education. If the program does not comply with the standards, the board makes recommendations to the nursing school to address areas of noncompliance. More information on South Dakota's (SD) requirements for nursing education programs is located on the Board's website, <http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing>.

Approved Nursing Education Programs

The following table provides the total number of approved nursing education programs in SD that prepared registered nurses (RN) and licensed practical nurses (LPN) from 2014 to 2016.

Pre-Licensure Nursing Education Programs				
Year	Baccalaureate Degree Programs	Associate Degree Programs	Practical Nurse Programs	Total Programs
2014	7	4	6	17
2015	8	4	6	18
2016	8	3	6	17

Information on nursing education programs approved by the SDBON in 2016 is provided in the table below. Refer to the SDBON's website, <http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/>, for the most current information on approval status of nursing education programs in SD.

Practical Nurse Programs	Chair/Director	National Accreditation
Lake Area Technical Institute www.lakeareatech.edu Watertown, SD	Patricia Foley, MS, RN	Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
Mount Marty College www.mtmc.edu Yankton, SD	Diane Smith, PhD, RN	HLC
Sinte Gleska University www.sintegleska.edu Mission, SD	DeAnn Eastman-Janssen, MS, RN	HLC
Sisseton Wahpeton College Sisseton, SD www.swc.tc	Nola Ragan, MS, RN	HLC
Southeast Technical Institute www.southeasttech.edu Sioux Falls, SD	Kristin Possehl, MSN, MEd, RN	HLC
Western Dakota Technical Institute www.wdt.edu Rapid City SD	Christi McArthur, BSN, RN	HLC

Associate Degree RN Programs	Chair/Director	National Accreditation
Oglala Lakota College www.olc.edu Pine Ridge, SD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generic AD RN 	Jessica Zephier, MSN, RN	HLC
Southeast Technical Institute www.southeasttech.edu Sioux Falls, SD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LPN to AD RN 	Kristin Possehl, MSN, MEd, RN	HLC ACEN
University of South Dakota Watertown, SD www.usd.edu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LPN to AD RN 	Haifa Samra, PhD, RN	HLC ACEN

Baccalaureate Degree RN Programs	Chair/Director	National Accreditation
Augustana University Sioux Falls, SD www.augie.edu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generic RN Accelerated RN 	Pamela Schroeder, EdD, RN	HLC Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
Dakota Wesleyan University Mitchell, SD www.dwu.edu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generic RN Associate RN to BSN LPN to RN, BSN 	Diane Sandhoff, MS, RN	HLC CCNE
Mount Marty College Yankton, SD www.mtmc.edu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generic RN 	Diane Smith, PhD, RN	HLC CCNE
National American University www.national.edu	Rapid City: RN to BSN	HLC CCNE
	Rapid City & Sioux Falls: Generic RN	Jennie C. Denker, EdD/CI, MSN, RN HLC CCNE
Presentation College Aberdeen, SD www.presentation.edu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generic RN 	Sandra Sexton Welling, PhD, RN, CCM	HLC ACEN
South Dakota State University www.sdstate.edu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generic RN: Brookings-Main Campus, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls Accelerated RN: Aberdeen, and Sioux Falls RN to BSN: Online 	Nancy Fahrenwald, PhD, RN	HLC CCNE

University of Sioux Falls Sioux Falls, SD www.usiouxfalls.edu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generic RN • Accelerated RN • RN to BSN: Online 	Jessica Cherenegar, DNP, RN	HLC CCNE
University of South Dakota www.usd.edu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generic RN: Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Vermillion-Main Campus • RN to BSN: Online 	Haifa Samra, RN, PhD	HLC CCNE

Master's Degree Programs		Chair/Director	National Accreditation
Mount Marty College Sioux Falls, SD www.mtmc.edu	Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)	Mary Anne Krogh, PhD, CRNA, FAAN	HLC AANA- Council on Accreditation (COA)
	Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)	Diane Smith, PhD, RN	HLC CCNE
South Dakota State University Brookings, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, SD www.sdstate.edu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Nursing Leadership • FNP • Nurse Educator 		Nancy Fahrenwald, RN, PhD	HLC CCNE

Doctoral Degree Program	Chair/Director	National Accreditation
South Dakota State University Brookings, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, SD www.sdstate.edu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) – offer several nurse APRN tracts • Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) 	Nancy Fahrenwald, RN, PhD	HLC CCNE

Practical Nurse Education Programs

Education Curriculum

SD's practical nurse (PN) programs required an average of 52.9 credit hours for graduation. Curriculum courses required by each program are shown in the table below. All programs offered traditional clinical courses at practice settings located in the state of SD; three programs also used clinical sites in IA, MN, ND, and NE. No program indicated they were required to pay a fee to a facility to hold clinical courses at a practice site. Four programs indicated they replaced traditional clinical experiences with simulation hours. The average number of simulation hours that replaced traditional hours was 10.8.

Curriculum Requirements	Credit Hours for Graduation		
	General and Support Courses	Nursing Theory Courses and Nursing Clinical Courses*	Total
Lake Area Technical Institute	14	34.5	48.5
Mount Marty College	15	38	53
Sinte Gleska University	25	38	63
Sisseton Wahpeton College	29	31	60
Southeast Technical Institute	18	30	48
Western Dakota Technical Institute	15	30	45

*Includes nursing lab, clinical, and simulation courses

Program Capacity

Respondents were asked to identify the student capacity of their nursing program. Capacity was defined as the number of seats available for newly admitted students during the reporting period. SD's six PN programs had approximately 320 seats available and they received 370 qualified applications. Of the qualified applicants, 328 were admitted however only 292 students enrolled.

Practical Nurse Program	Seats Available	Qualified Applicants	Admitted Applicants	# New Enrollees
Lake Area Technical Institute	116	151	115	108
^Mount Marty College	unlimited	7	7	6
Sinte Gleska University	8	7	7	7
Sisseton Wahpeton College	0	0	0	0
Southeast Technical Institute	148	159	153	131
Western Dakota Technical Institute	48	46	46	46
Total:	^320	370	328	292

^Unlimited: Programs without a limit on seats for new students responded "Unlimited"

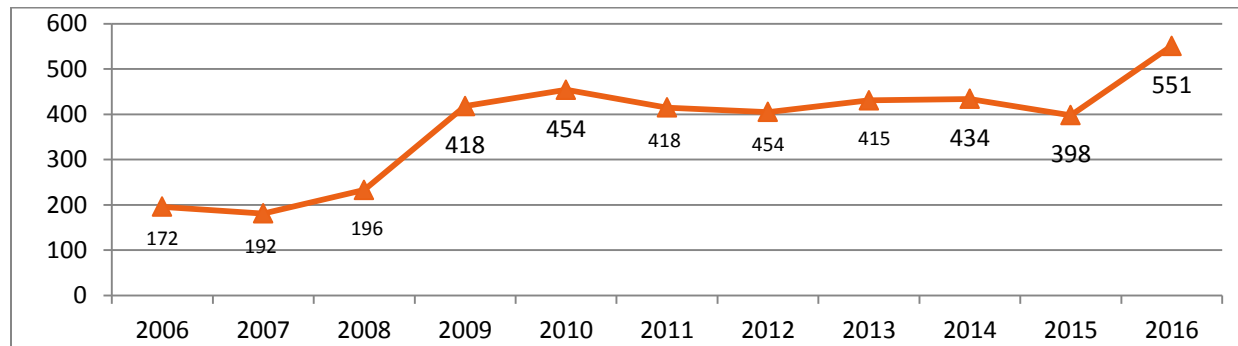
Enrollment

Respondents were asked to identify the student enrollment for their nursing programs. Enrollment was defined as the number of undergraduate pre-licensure students accepted into the nursing major and enrolled in nursing courses. Enrollment numbers were reported as of the institution's official fall reporting date. Public nursing schools used the date of the fall census data extract; private schools used the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) reporting date of October 2015. The reporting period was defined as October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, or "Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Summer 2016".

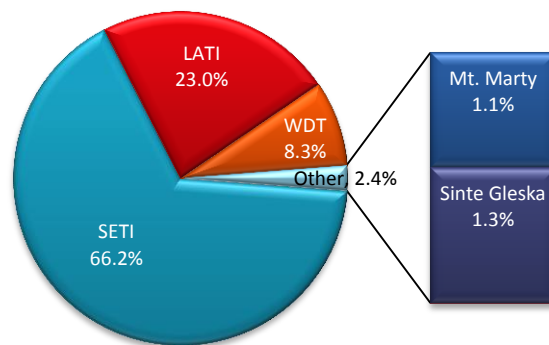
Full-time students were those enrolled in 12 or more semester credits, part-time students were those enrolled in fewer than 12 semester credits. New students were those enrolled for the first time in the nursing program during the reporting period, and continuing students were those enrolled at all other points of the nursing program's curriculum sequence. Total PN program enrollment for new and continuing students in 2016 was 551 students as shown in the table, a 38.4% increase from the previous academic year.

Student Enrollment					2016	2015	2015-2016	
Practical Nurse Program	New Students	Continuing Students	Total Students	% of Total Students	Total Students	Difference	% Change	
	Lake Area Technical Institute	108	19	127	23.0%	111	16	+14.4%
	Mount Marty College	6	0	6	1.1%	3	3	+100.0%
	Sinte Gleska University	7	0	7	1.3%	10	-3	-30.0%
	Sisseton Wahpeton College	0	0	0	0.0%	5	-5	-100.0%
	Southeast Technical Institute	131	234	365	66.2%	232	133	+57.3%
	Western Dakota Technical	0	46	46	8.3%	37	9	+24.3%
	Total:	252	299	551	100.0%	398	153	+38.4%

Total PN Student Enrollment



Percent of PN Students Enrolled by Program



Student Characteristics

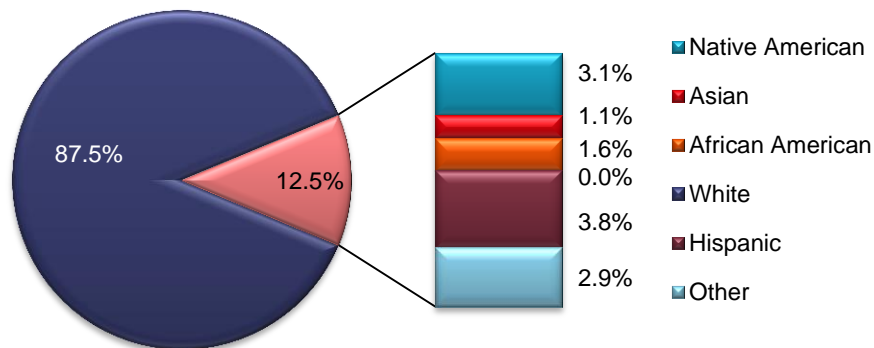
Gender Consistent with previous years, the majority, 92.9% of LPN students in 2016 were female; males comprised 7.1% of the population.

Practical Nurse Program	2016		
	Female	Male	Total Students
Lake Area Technical Institute	125	2	127
Mount Marty College	6	0	6
Sinte Gleska University	6	1	7
Sisseton Wahpeton College	0	0	0
Southeast Technical Institute	332	33	365
Western Dakota Technical Institute	43	3	46
Total:	512	39	551

Ethnicity Consistent with previous reports, most, 87.3% of the enrolled students in this reporting period were predominately white. The other 12.7% of students were of other ethnicities as shown in the table.

Practical Nurse Program	Ethnicity							
	American Indian /Alaska Native	Asian	Black / African American	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic / Latino	Other / Unknown	Total Students
Lake Area Technical Institute	0	0	2	0	124	0	1	127
Mount Marty College	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	6
Sinte Gleska University	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	7
Sisseton Wahpeton College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southeast Technical Institute	6	4	7	0	317	16	15	365
Western Dakota Technical Institute	7	2	0	0	33	4	0	46
Total:	17	6	9	0	482	21	16	551
Percent:	3.1%	1.1%	1.6%	0.0%	87.5%	3.8%	2.9%	100%

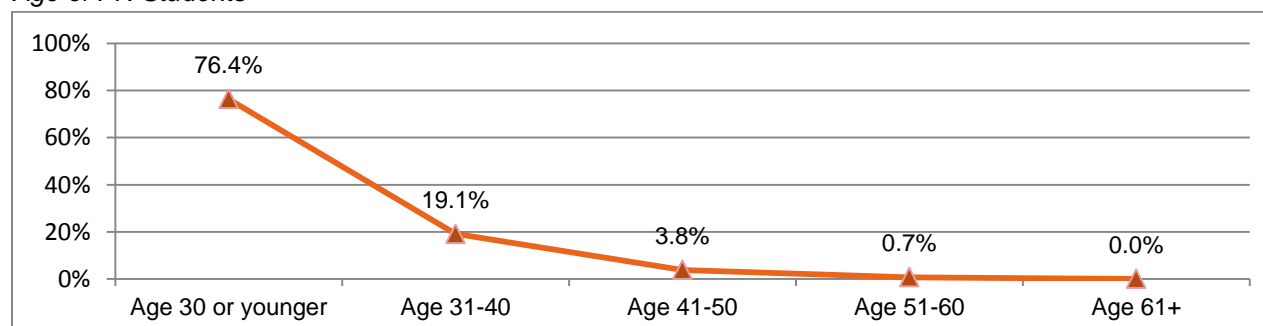
Ethnicity of Enrolled PN Students



Age The majority, 421 (76.4%) PN students in 2016 were 30 years of age or younger, similar to findings in previous years.

Practical Nurse Program	< 30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61+	Total
Lake Area Technical Institute	96	25	3	3	0	127
Mount Marty College	4	1	1	0	0	6
Sinte Gleska University	5	2	0	0	0	7
Sisseton Wahpeton College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southeast Technical Institute	287	63	14	1	0	365
Western Dakota Technical Institute	29	14	3	0	0	46
Total:	421	105	21	4	0	551
Percent:	76.4%	19.1%	3.8%	0.7%	0%	100%

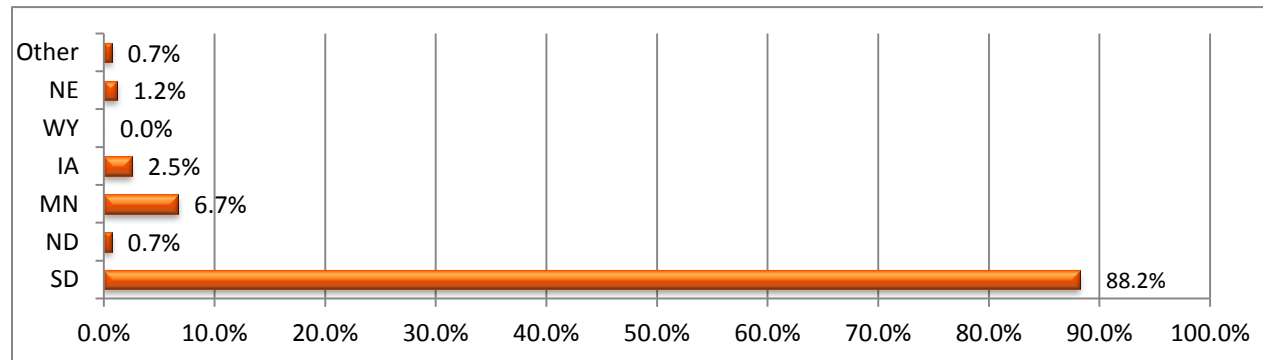
Age of PN Students



State of Residence The majority, 88.2% of enrolled PN students resided in the state of South Dakota.

Practical Nurse Program	SD		Out of State		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Lake Area Technical Institute	97	76.4%	30	23.6%	127	100%
Mount Marty College	3	50.0%	3	50.0%	6	100%
Sinte Gleska University	5	71.4%	2	28.6%	7	100%
Sisseton Wahpeton College	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100%
Southeast Technical Institute	335	91.8%	30	8.2%	365	100%
Western Dakota Technical Institute	46	100%	0	0.0%	46	100%
Total:	486	88.2%	65	11.8%	551	100%

PN Student State of Residence



Graduates

As shown in the table, a total of 183 students graduated from PN programs during this reporting period of October 2015-December 2016; 10 less than in 2015.

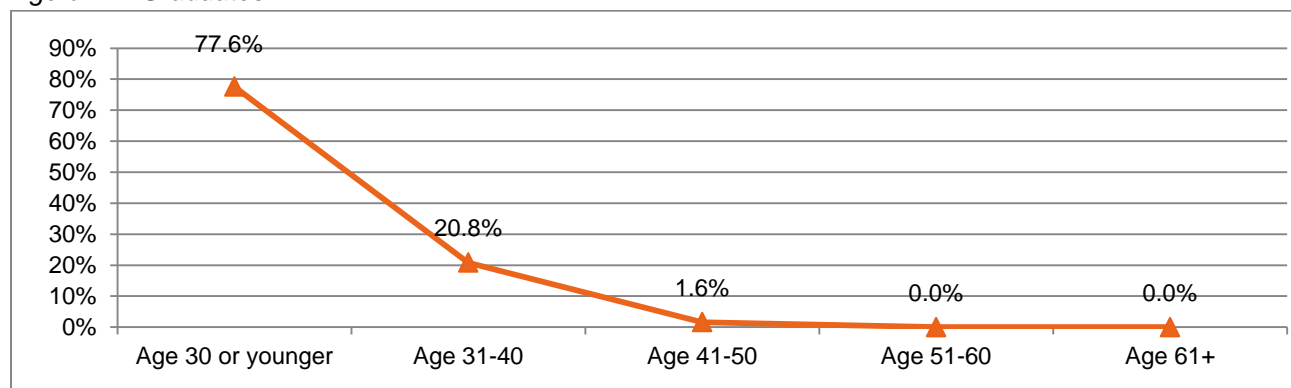
Practical Nurse Program	Graduates Produced	% of PNs Produced in SD
Lake Area Technical Institute	60	32.8%
Mount Marty College	6	3.3%
Sinte Gleska University	2	1.1%
Sisseton Wahpeton College	0	0.0 %
Southeast Technical Institute	93	50.8%
Western Dakota Technical Institute	22	12.0%
Total:	183	100%

Graduate Characteristics

Age Similar to previous reports, the majority, 77% of PN graduates were 30 years of age or younger.

Practical Nurse Program	< 30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61+	Total
Lake Area Technical Institute	49	10	1	0	0	60
Mount Marty College	4	1	1	0	0	6
Sinte Gleska University	1	1	0	0	0	2
Sisseton Wahpeton College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southeast Technical Institute	74	18	1	0	0	93
Western Dakota Technical Institute	14	8	0	0	0	22
Total:	142	38	3	0	0	183
Percent:	77.6%	20.8%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	100%

Age of PN Graduates



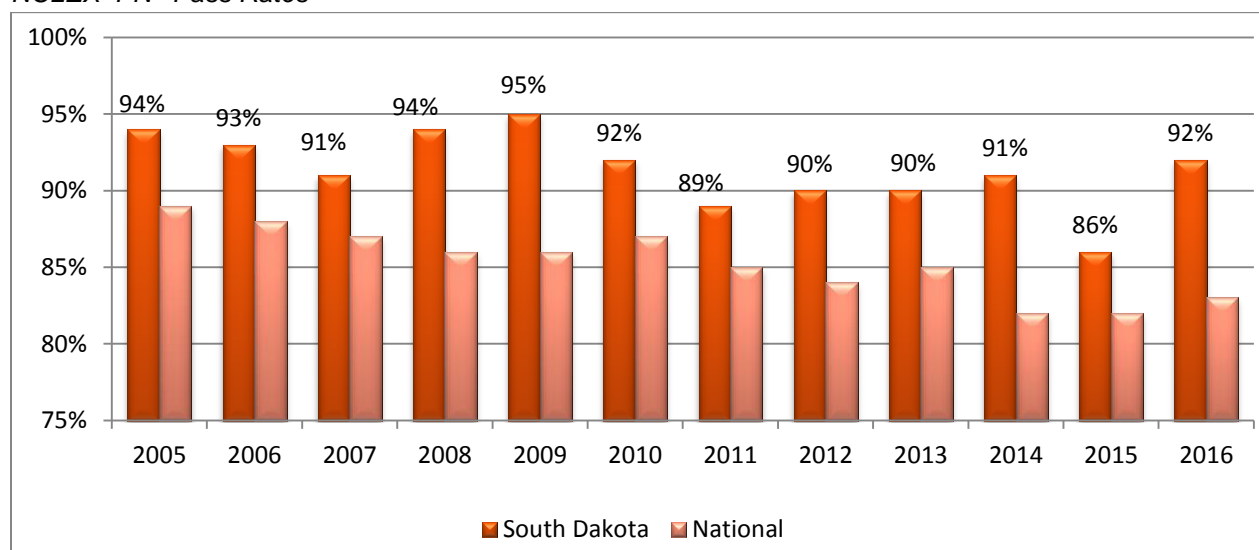
NCLEX-PN® Examination Results

PN graduates results on their first NCLEX-PN® examination for the time period of January-December 2016 are displayed in the table below. The pass rate for first-time test writers in 2016 was 92.7%; the national pass rate was 83.7%. All PN programs required students to complete an assessment or proficiency exam prior to taking the NCLEX examination. For historical comparisons the pass rates from 2006 to 2016 are shown in the bar graph.

Practical Nurse Program	# Delivered	# Passed	# Failed	Pass Rate	Proficiency Exam
Lake Area Technical Institute	58	57	1	98.3%	ATI*
Mount Marty College	5	5	0	100.0%	Other
Sinte Gleska University	2	2	0	100.0%	ATI
Sisseton Wahpeton College	4	3	1	75.0%	ATI
Southeast Technical Institute	86	82	4	95.4%	ATI
Western Dakota Technical Institute	24	17	7	70.8%	HESI
South Dakota's Pass Rate:	179	166	13	92.7%	
National Pass Rate:	47,345	39,626	7,719	83.7%	

* Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI); Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI)

NCLEX-PN® Pass Rates

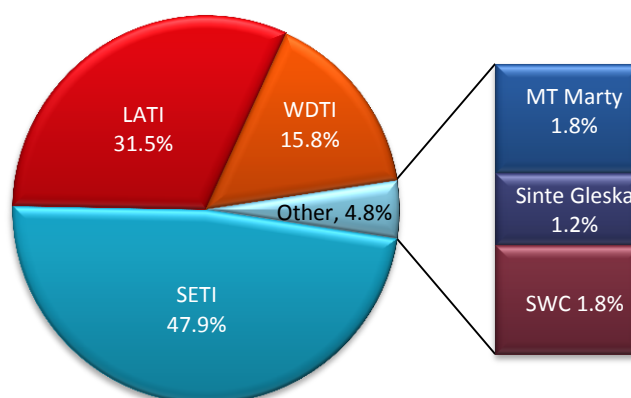


Graduates Licensed as LPNs in South Dakota

The number of graduates who sat for the NCLEX–PN® examination from January 1st to December 31st, 2016 and who were licensed into the state of SD is listed in the following table. The majority, 90.2% of PN graduates were licensed into SD. The number of graduates produced by a program may be more or less than the number of graduates licensed into the state. This occurs because a graduate may opt to wait to take the examination or may fail the examination.

Practical Nurse Program	Graduates Produced	Number Graduates Licensed in SD	% of Program's Graduates Licensed in SD	% of Total Number Licensed in SD	Graduates Licensed in Other States
Lake Area Technical Institute	60	52	86.7%	31.5%	6
Mount Marty College	6	3	50.0%	1.8%	2
Sinte Gleska University	2	2	100%	1.2%	0
Sisseton Wahpeton College	0	3	---	1.8%	0
Southeast Technical Institute	93	79	84.9%	47.9%	8
Western Dakota Technical Institute	22	26	100%	15.8%	0
Total:	183	165	90.2%	100%	16

Percent of Graduates Licensed in South Dakota by Program



PN Faculty

Employment Status Respondents were asked to identify the number of nursing education faculty employed by their PN program. The table that follows provides the number of faculty in each PN program; part-time faculty were counted as 0.5 FTE if no specific FTE was provided by a respondent.

Faculty that were counted as full-time included instructional, administrative, or research staff of the nursing program who were employed full-time as defined by the institution, held academic rank, carried the full scope of faculty responsibility (e.g., teaching, advisement, committee work), and received the rights and privileges associated with full-time employment.

Part-time faculty were those members of the instructional, administrative, or research staff of the nursing academic unit who are employed part-time as defined by the institution, may or may not hold academic rank, carry responsibility for a specific area (e.g., teaching a single course), and may carry any number of titles (e.g., adjunct, clinical instructor).

Also included were administrative, persons employed to teach nursing theory, clinical practice, and/or lab. Those not included were substitute teachers, guest lecturers, faculty on a leave of absence or sabbatical, and faculty teaching in RN or graduate programs.

Two of the six PN programs indicated they had faculty vacancies, Western Dakota Technical Institute and Sisseton Wahpeton College.

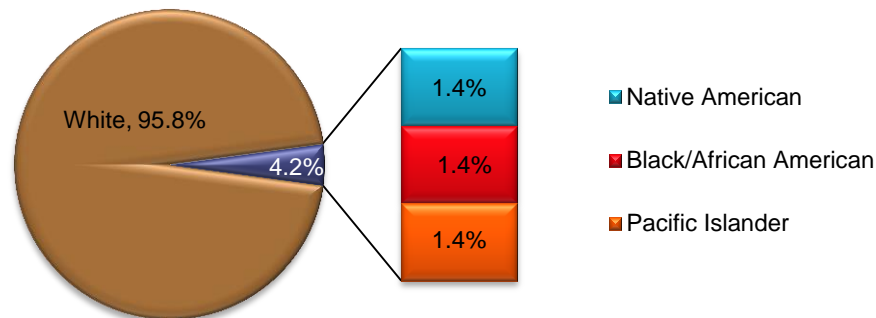
Practical Nurse Program	Full Time	Part Time		Adjunct		Total Faculty	2016	2015	Difference / % Change
		#	FTE	#	FTE		Total FTE	Total FTE	
Lake Area Technical Institute	9	1	0.5	8	1.4	18	10.9	8.8	2.1 / +23.9%
Mount Marty College	1	0	0	4	0.40	5	1.4	1.2	0.2 / + 16.7%
Sinte Gleska University	4	1	0.5	1	0.5	6	5.0	4.0	1 / + 25.0%
Sisseton Wahpeton College	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.0	3.2	-2.2 / - 68.8%
Southeast Technical Institute	11	12	6	3	1.5	31	18.5	13.6	4.9 / + 36.0%
Western Dakota Tech. Institute	3	2	1	5	2.5	10	5.5	5.5	0 / 0.0%
Total:	29	16	8	21	6.3	71	42.3	36.3	6.0 / + 16.5%

Faculty Characteristics

Gender The majority, 95.8% of faculty teaching in SD's PN programs are female.

Ethnicity As displayed in the chart, the ethnicity of faculty teaching in SD's PN programs is predominantly white, 95.8%.

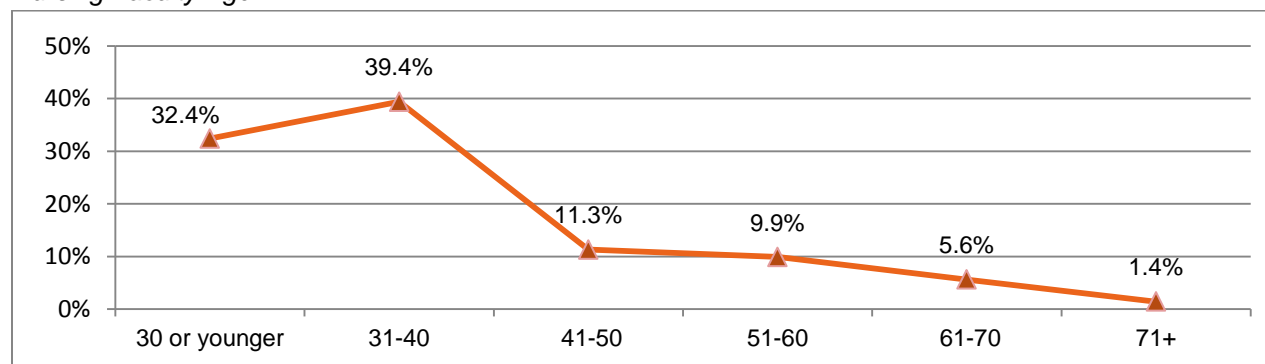
Nursing Faculty Ethnicity



Age As shown in the table and graph, the majority, 83.1% (59) of PN faculty were 50 years of age or younger, only 7.0% were 61 years or older.

	< 30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	61+	Total
PN Faculty	23	28	8	7	4	1	71
Percent	32.4%	39.4%	11.3%	9.9%	5.6%	1.4%	100%

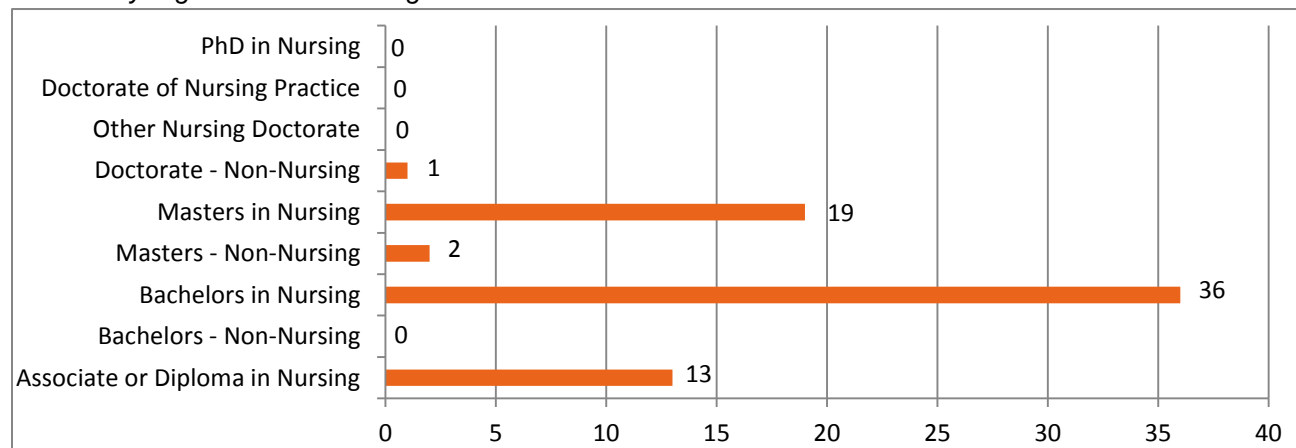
Nursing Faculty Age



Highest Academic Achievement The following table and graph present the highest academic degree achieved by PN faculty. The majority, 50.7% hold a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Practical Nurse Program	Associate or Diploma in Nursing	Bachelors - Non Nursing	Bachelors in Nursing	Masters -Non Nursing	Masters in Nursing	Doctorate - Non Nursing	Other Nursing Doctorate	Doctorate in Nursing	PhD in Nursing	Total Faculty
Lake Area Technical Institute	0	0	7	1	10	0	0	0	0	18
Mount Marty College	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	5
Sinte Gleska University	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	6
Sisseton Wahpeton College	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Southeast Technical Institute	11	0	17	1	2	0	0	0	0	31
Western Dakota Technical Institute	1	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
Total:	13	0	36	2	19	1	0	0	0	71
Percent:	18.3%	0.0%	50.7%	2.8%	26.8%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%

PN Faculty Highest Academic Degree



Registered Nurse Education Programs

Education Curriculum

SD's generic registered nurse (RN) associate degree programs required an average of 62.8 credit hours for graduation, the average required by baccalaureate degree programs was 132.9 hours. Curriculum courses required by each program are shown in the tables below.

All programs offered traditional clinical courses at practice settings located in the state of SD; six programs used clinical sites in other states. No program indicated they were required to pay a fee to a practice site to hold clinical courses at that site. All programs indicated they replaced traditional clinical experiences with simulation hours. The average number of simulation hours that replaced traditional hours was 17.2.

Associate RN Programs	Required Credit Hours for Graduation		
	General and Support Courses	Nursing Theory Courses and Nursing Clinical Courses*	Total
Dakota Wesleyan University	31	40	71
Oglala Lakota College	30	43	73
Southeast Technical Institute	18	24	42
University of South Dakota	30	35	65

Baccalaureate RN Programs	Required Credit Hours for Graduation		
	General and Support Courses	Nursing Theory Courses and Nursing Clinical Courses*	Total
Augustana University	76	48	124
Dakota Wesleyan University	65	60	125
Mount Marty College	71	60	131
National American University	79	107	186
Presentation College	71	57	128
South Dakota State University	57	63	120
University of Sioux Falls	66	63	129
University of South Dakota	62	58	120

*Includes nursing lab, clinical, and simulation courses

Program Capacity

Respondents were asked to identify the student capacity of their RN programs. Capacity was defined as the number of seats available for newly admitted students during the reporting period. As shown in the following tables SD's RN programs had over 1,182 seats available, 212 in associate programs and 970 in baccalaureate programs. Programs received 1,006 qualified applications and admitted 874 students, however only 796 were enrolled.

Associate RN Programs	Seats Available	Qualified Applicants	Admitted Applicants	# New Enrollees
Dakota Wesleyan University	72	27	27	17
Oglala Lakota College	20	19	19	18
Southeast Technical Institute	48	50	50	37
University of South Dakota	72	35	32	27
Total:	212	131	128	99

Baccalaureate RN Programs	Seats Available	Qualified Applicants	Admitted Applicants	# New Enrollees
Augustana University	64	84	64	64
Dakota Wesleyan University	48	36	36	23
Mount Marty College	^unlimited	27	27	27
National American University	48	38	36	34
Presentation College	261	78	78	78
South Dakota State University	339	443	347	330
University of Sioux Falls	90	71	69	55
University of South Dakota	120	98	89	86
Total:	^970	875	746	697
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Associate and Baccalaureate Total:	1,182	1,006	874	796

^Unlimited: Programs without a limit on seats for new students responded "Unlimited"

Enrollment

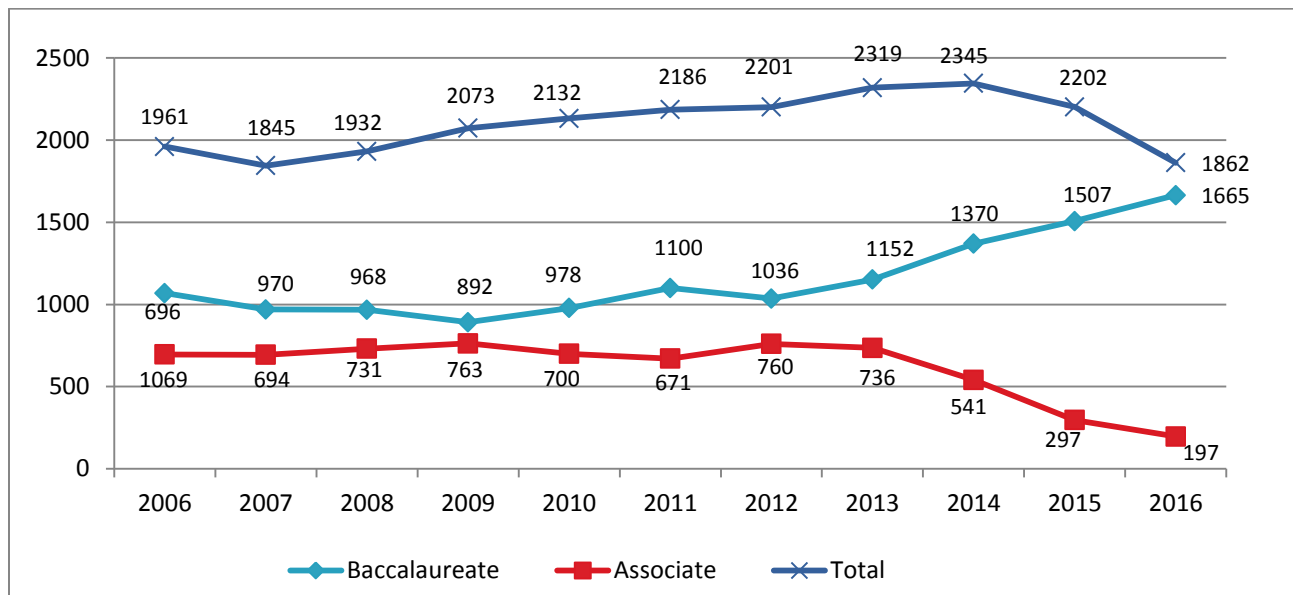
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Full-time students were those enrolled in 12 or more semester credits, part-time students were those enrolled in fewer than 12 semester credits. New students were those enrolled for the first time in the nursing program during the reporting period, and continuing students were those enrolled at all other points of the nursing program's curriculum sequence.

Associate RN student enrollment decreased by 33.7% from the previous academic year and baccalaureate RN students increased by 10.5%. As displayed in the table and on the graph, the total associate and baccalaureate RN program enrollment for new and continuing students in 2016 was 1,862 students, a 3.2% increase from the previous academic year.

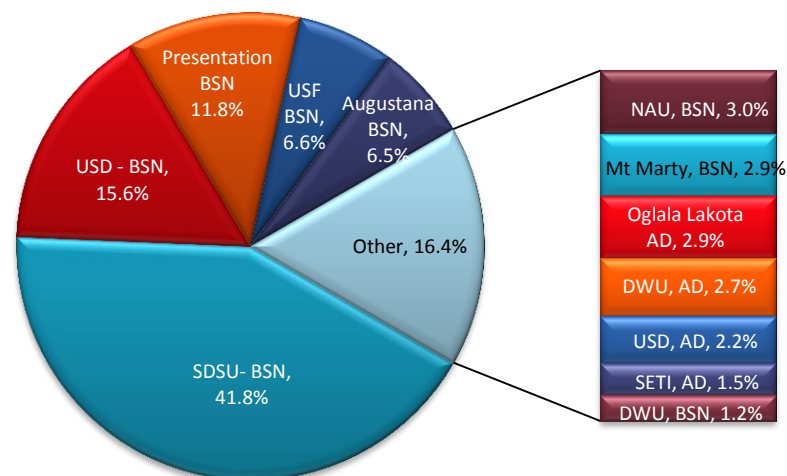
Associate RN Enrollment					2015		
					2015-2016		
Associate RN Program	New Students	Continuing Students	Total Students	% of Total Students	Total Students	Difference	% Change
Dakota Wesleyan University	17	34	51	25.9%	102	-51	- 50.0%
Oglala Lakota College	18	17	35	17.8%	29	6	+20.7%
Southeast Technical Institute	37	28	65	33.0%	35	30	+ 85.7%
University of South Dakota	27	19	46	23.3%	131	-85	-64.9%
Total:	99	98	197	100.0%	297	-100	-33.7%
Baccalaureate RN Enrollment					2015		
					2015-2016		
Baccalaureate RN Program	New Students	Continuing Students	Total Students	% of Total Students	Total Students	Difference	% Change
Augustana University	64	57	121	7.3%	117	4	+ 3.4%
Dakota Wesleyan University	23	0	23	1.4%	0	23	+ 100%
Mount Marty College	27	27	54	3.2%	61	-7	- 11.5%
National American University	34	22	56	3.4%	42	14	+ 33.3%
Presentation College	78	141	219	13.1%	187	32	+ 17.1%
South Dakota State University	330	449	779	46.8%	768	11	+ 1.4%
University of Sioux Falls	55	68	123	7.4%	126	-3	- 2.4%
University of South Dakota	86	204	290	17.4%	206	84	+ 40.8%
Total:	697	968	1,665	100.0%	1,507	158	+ 10.5%
Associate and Baccalaureate Total:	796	1,066	1,862	--	1,804	58	+3.2%

Total RN Student Enrollment



The majority of RN students were enrolled at South Dakota State University (SDSU), 41.8%, and the University of South Dakota (USD), 15.6%.

Percent of RN Students Enrolled in by Program



Student Characteristics

Gender Consistent with previous years, the majority of students enrolled were female, 86.8% (1,479). Males comprised 13.2% (224) of the student RN population. The majority of male students, 14.4% were enrolled in baccalaureate programs. Only 0.7% of male students were enrolled in associate programs.

Associate RN Program	2016		
	Female	Male	Total Students
Dakota Wesleyan University	48	3	51
Oglala Lakota College	32	3	35
Southeast Technical Institute	62	3	65
University of South Dakota	44	2	46
Total:	186	11	197

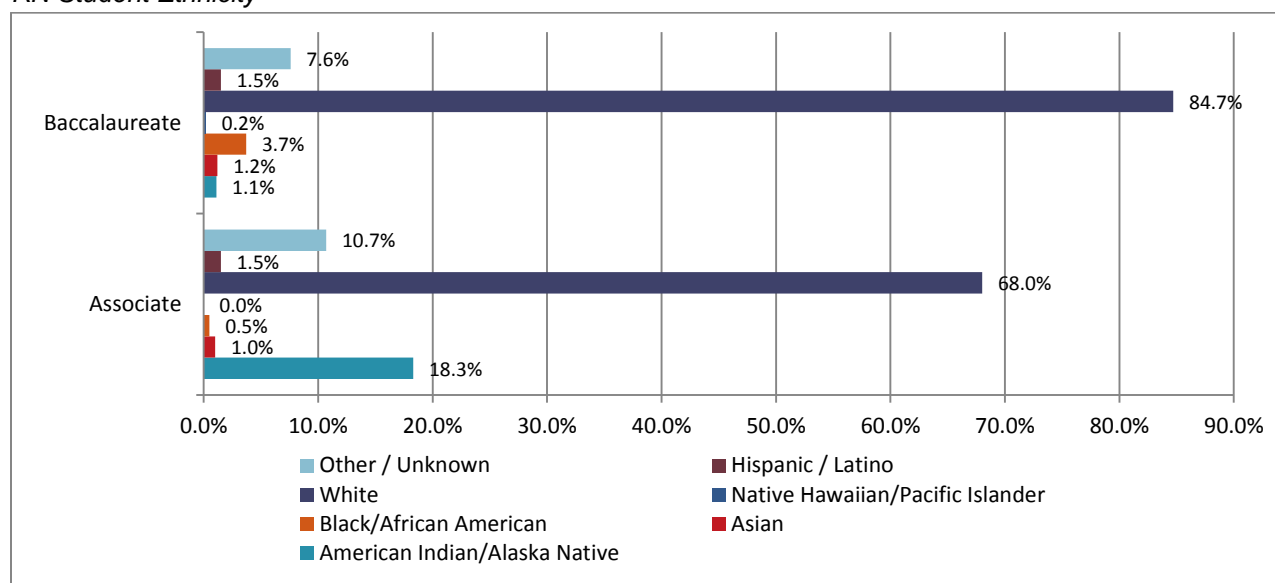
Baccalaureate RN Program		2016		
		Female	Male	Total Students
Augustana University		103	18	121
Dakota Wesleyan University		18	5	23
Mount Marty College		44	10	54
National American University		48	8	56
Presentation College		198	21	219
South Dakota State University		524	96	620
University of Sioux Falls		101	22	123
University of South Dakota		257	33	290
Total:		1,293	213	1,506
Associate and Baccalaureate Total:		1,479	224	1,703

Ethnicity Consistent with previous reports, most, 82.8% of the total RN students were white. As shown in the table black students comprised 3.3% of the population and American Indian students comprised 3.1%.

Associate RN Program		Ethnicity							
		American Indian /Alaska Native	Asian	Black / African American	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic / Latino	Other / Unknown	Total Students
Dakota Wesleyan University		0	0	0	0	51	0	0	51
Oglala Lakota College		34	0	0	0	1	0	0	35
Southeast Technical Institute		1	2	0	0	57	3	2	65
University of South Dakota		1	0	1	0	25	0	19	46
Total:		36	2	1	0	134	3	21	197
Percent:		18.3%	1.0%	0.5%	0%	68.0%	1.5%	10.7%	100.0%

Baccalaureate RN Program		Ethnicity							
		American Indian /Alaska Native	Asian	Black / African American	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic / Latino	Other / Unknown	Total Students
Augustana University		0	1	6	0	113	0	1	121
Dakota Wesleyan University		0	0	0	0	23	0	0	23
Mount Marty College		0	0	2	0	50	2	0	54
National American University		2	0	4	1	48	1	0	56
Presentation College		3	4	25	0	159	4	24	219
South Dakota State University		8	8	13	2	579	9	1	620
University of Sioux Falls		0	1	2	0	114	4	2	123
University of South Dakota		4	4	4	0	189	3	86	290
Total		17	18	56	3	1,275	23	114	1,506
Percent		1.1%	1.2%	3.7%	0.2%	84.7%	1.5%	7.6%	100.0%
Associate and Baccalaureate Total:		53	20	57	3	1,409	26	135	1,703
Percent:		3.1%	1.2%	3.3%	0.2%	82.8%	1.5%	7.9%	100.0%

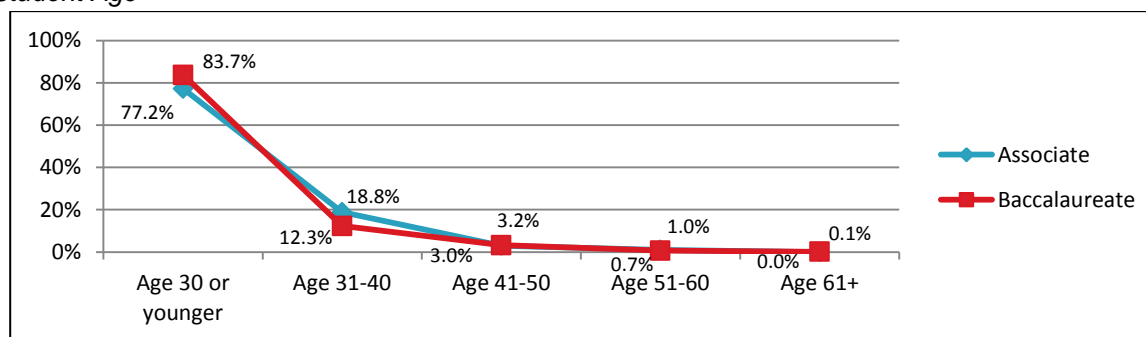
RN Student Ethnicity



Age The majority, 82.9% (1,411) of RN students in 2016 were 30 years of age or younger, similar to findings in previous years.

Associate RN Program		< 30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61+	Total
	Dakota Wesleyan University	41	7	3	0	0	51
	Oglala Lakota College	23	11	1	0	0	35
	Southeast Technical Institute	56	9	0	0	0	65
	University of South Dakota	32	10	2	2	0	46
	Total:	152	37	6	2	0	197
Percent:		77.2%	18.8%	3.0%	1.0%	0%	100.0%
Baccalaureate RN Program		< 30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61+	Total
	Augustana University	112	6	3	0	0	121
	Dakota Wesleyan University	18	4	1	0	0	23
	Mount Marty College	48	5	1	0	0	54
	National American University	33	19	3	0	1	56
	Presentation College	120	78	19	2	0	219
	South Dakota State University	569	34	12	5	0	620
	University of Sioux Falls	109	11	2	1	0	123
	University of South Dakota	251	28	8	3	0	290
Total:		1,260	185	49	11	1	1,506
Percent:		83.7%	12.3%	3.2%	0.7%	0.1%	100.0%
Associate and Baccalaureate Total:		< 30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61+	Total
Percent:		82.9%	13.0%	3.2%	0.8%	0.1%	100.0%

RN Student Age



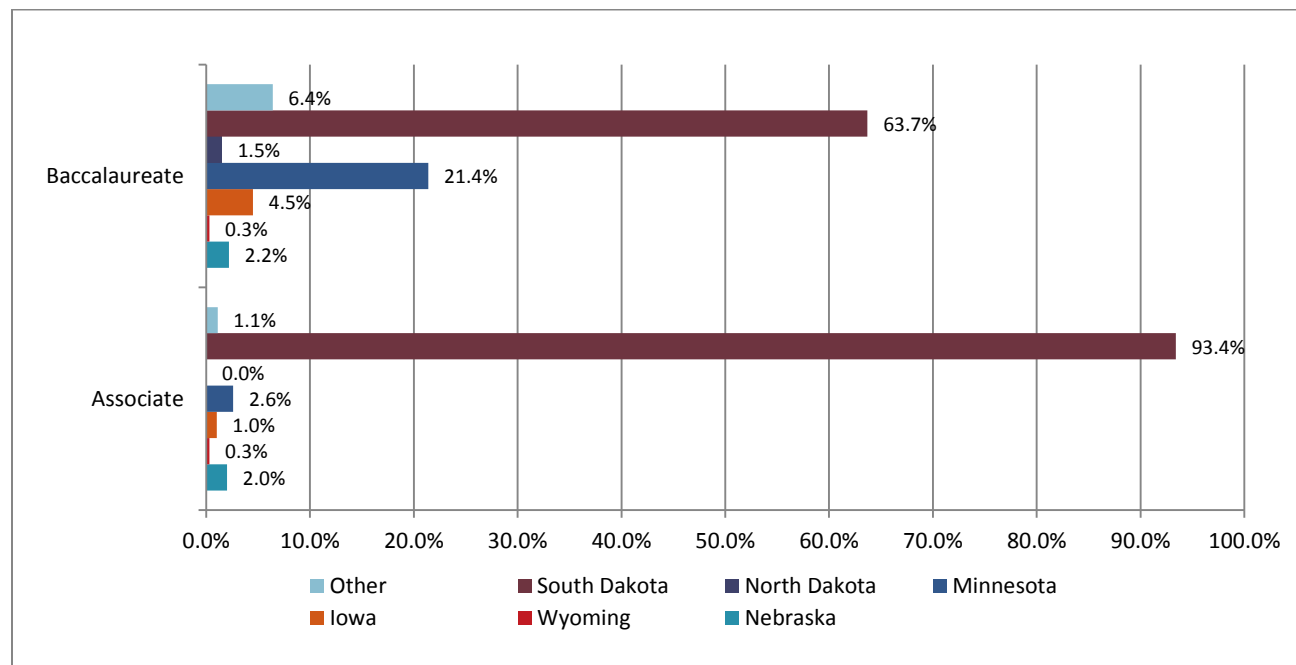
State of Residence The majority, 67.1% of all associate and baccalaureate RN students resided in the state of South Dakota. A large percentage, 93.4% of AD students resided in SD while only 63.7% of baccalaureate students resided in the state.

Associate RN Program	SD		Out of State		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Dakota Wesleyan University	47	92.2%	4	7.8%	51	100%
Oglala Lakota College	33	94.3%	2	5.7%	35	100%
Southeast Technical Institute	60	92.3%	5	7.7%	65	100%
University of South Dakota	44	95.7%	2	4.3%	46	100%
Total:	184	93.4%	13	6.6%	197	100%

Baccalaureate RN Program	SD		Out of State		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Augustana University	70	57.9%	51	42.1%	121	100%
Dakota Wesleyan University	20	87.0%	3	13.0%	23	100%
Mount Marty College	36	66.7%	18	33.3%	54	100%
National American University	56	100.0%	0	0%	56	100%
Presentation College	45	20.5%	174	79.5%	219	100%
South Dakota State University	414	66.8%	206	33.2%	620	100%
University of Sioux Falls	78	63.4%	45	36.6%	123	100%
University of South Dakota	240	82.8%	50	17.2%	290	100%
Total:	959	63.7%	547	36.3%	1506	100%

Associate and Baccalaureate Total:	1143	67.1%	560	32.9%	1703	100%
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RN Student State of Residence



Enrollment in RN Upward Mobility Programs

LPNs enrolled in RN upward mobility nursing education programs is shown in the following tables. A total of 281 LPNs were enrolled in 2016. Similar to previous years, 106 students were enrolled in AD programs and 175 in Baccalaureate programs. In 2015, 82 students were enrolled in AD programs and 155 were enrolled in baccalaureate programs.

LPN Enrollment in Associate RN Programs		Students Enrolled
Dakota Wesleyan University		20
Oglala Lakota College		1
Southeast Technical Institute		65
University of South Dakota		20
Total LPN Enrollment in AD RN Students:		106
LPN Enrollment in Baccalaureate RN Programs		Students Enrolled
Mount Marty College		2
National American University		1
Presentation College		172
Total LPN Enrollment in Baccalaureate RN Programs:		175
Total LPN Enrollment in RN Programs:		281

A total of 409 associate degree prepared RNs were enrolled in baccalaureate completion programs in 2016, as shown in the following table. This was an increase of 173 students from 2015.

RN Enrollment in Baccalaureate Programs		Students Enrolled
Dakota Wesleyan University		158
National American University		3
Presentation College		2
South Dakota State University		52
University of Sioux Falls		166
University of South Dakota		28
Total:		409

Graduates

As shown in the table, a total of 683 students graduated from generic RN programs during this reporting period; 65 greater than in 2015.

Associate RN Program		Graduates Produced					
	Generic	LPN to AD RN	Total	% Produced			
	Dakota Wesleyan University	31	18	49	49.5%		
	Oglala Lakota College	10	0	10	10.1%		
	Southeast Technical Institute	0	24	24	24.2%		
	University of South Dakota	16	0	16	16.2%		
	Total:	57	42	99	100.0%		
Baccalaureate RN Program		Graduates Produced					
	Generic	LPN to BSN RN	Total	% Produced	RN Upward Mobility	Total BSN Graduates	
	Augustana University	55	0	55	8.1%	0	55
	Dakota Wesleyan University	0	0	0	0.0%	67	67
	Mount Marty College	25	2	27	4.0%	0	27
	National American University	23	0	23	3.4%	1	24
	Presentation College	10	50	60	8.8%	0	60
	South Dakota State University	313	0	313	46.2%	52	365
	University of Sioux Falls	56	0	56	8.3%	17	73
	University of South Dakota	144	0	144	21.2%	88	232
	Total:	626	52	678	100.0%	225	903
	Associate and Baccalaureate Total:		683	94	777	100.0%	

Graduate Characteristics

Similar to previous reporting periods, the majority, 78.3% of RN graduates in 2016 were 30 years old or younger.

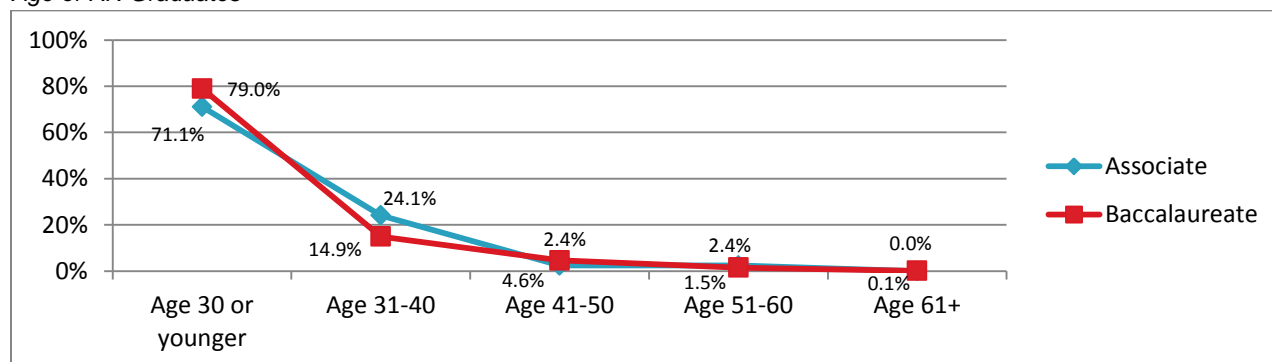
Associate RN Program	< 30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61+	Total
Dakota Wesleyan University	32	13	2	2	0	49
Oglala Lakota College	6	4	0	0	0	10
Southeast Technical Institute	21	3	0	0	0	24
Total:	59	20	2	2	0	83
Percent:	71.1%	24.1%	2.4%	2.4%	0.0%	100.0%

Baccalaureate RN Programs	< 30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61+	Total
Augustana University	53	2	0	0	0	55
Dakota Wesleyan University	44	17	3	3	0	67
Mount Marty College	24	1	1	1	0	27
*National American University	9	11	4	0	0	24
Presentation College	36	17	7	0	0	60
*South Dakota State University	292	48	20	5	0	365
University of Sioux Falls	50	4	1	1	0	56
University of South Dakota	135	21	2	2	0	160
Total:	643	121	38	12	0	814
Percent:	79.0%	14.9%	4.6%	1.5%	0.0%	100.0%

Associate and Baccalaureate Total:	702	141	40	14	0	897
Percent:	78.2%	15.7%	4.5%	1.6%	0.0%	100.0%

*Included RN upward mobility students

Age of RN Graduates



NCLEX-RN® Examination Results

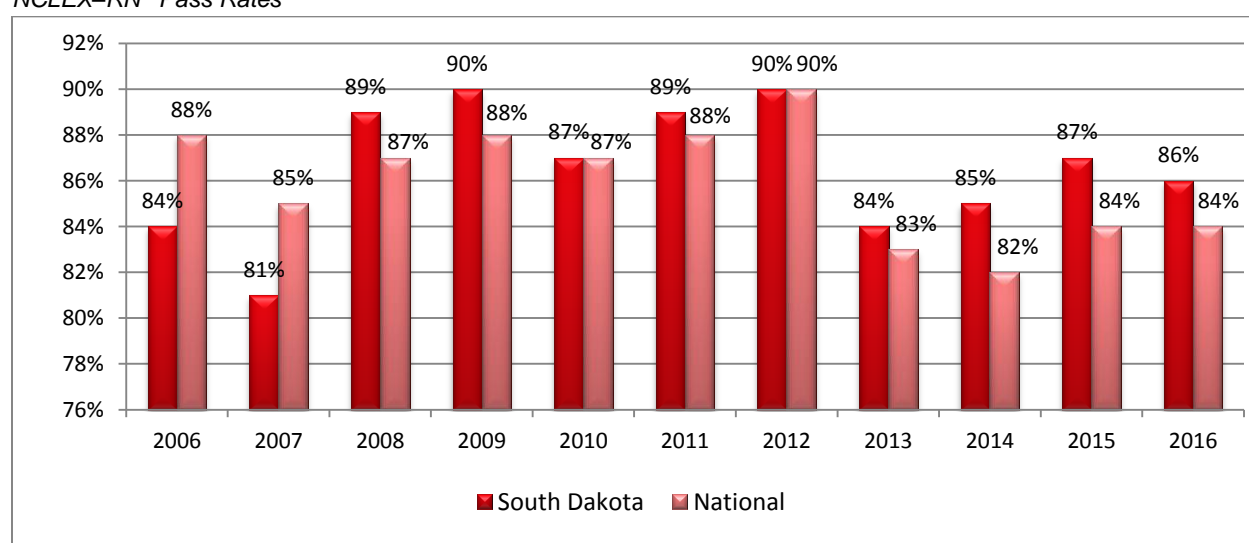
RN graduates results on their first NCLEX-RN® examination for 2016 are displayed in the table below. The pass rate for first-time test writers in 2016 was 86.08%; the national pass rate was 84.56%. For historical comparisons the pass rates from 2006 to 2016 are shown in the bar graph.

Associate RN Program	Number Delivered	Number Passed	Number Failed	Pass Rate	Proficiency Exam
Dakota Wesleyan University	50	43	7	86.0%	ATI
Oglala Lakota College	7	5	2	71.4%	ATI
Southeast Technical Institute	26	22	4	84.6%	ATI
University of South Dakota	20	17	3	85.0%	HESI
SD Associate Pass Rate:	103	87	16	84.5%	

Baccalaureate RN Program	Number Delivered	Number Passed	Number Failed	Pass Rate	Proficiency Exam
Augustana University	55	54	1	98.2%	ATI
Mount Marty College	29	23	6	79.3%	ATI
National American University	23	12	11	52.2%	ATI
Presentation College	59	40	19	67.8%	ATI
South Dakota State University	316	278	38	88.0%	HESI
University of Sioux Falls	56	54	2	96.4%	HESI
University of South Dakota	142	126	16	88.7%	HESI
SD Baccalaureate Pass Rate:	680	587	93	86.3%	--
South Dakota Overall Pass Rate:	783	674	109	86.1%	--
National Pass Rate:	157,206	132,938	24,268	84.6%	--

* Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI); Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI)

NCLEX–RN® Pass Rates



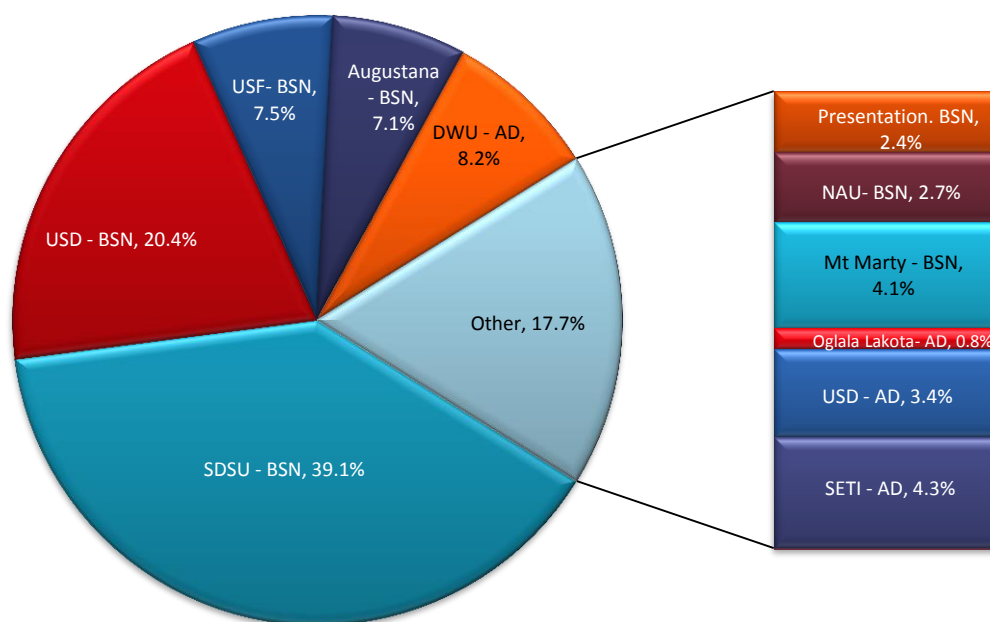
Graduates Licensed as RNs in South Dakota

The number of graduates who sat for the NCLEX–RN® examination from January 1st to December 31st, 2016 and who were licensed into the state of SD is listed in the following table. The number of graduates produced by a program may be more or less than the number of graduates licensed into the state. This occurs because a graduate may opt to wait to take the examination or may fail the examination.

Associate RN Program	Graduates Produced	Number Graduates Licensed in SD	% of Program's Graduates Licensed in SD	% of Total Number Licensed in SD	Graduates Licensed in Other States
Dakota Wesleyan University	49	48	100.0%	8.2%	1
Oglala Lakota College	10	5	50.0%	0.8%	0
Southeast Technical Institute	24	25	100.0%	4.3%	0
University of South Dakota	16	20	100.0%	3.4%	1
Total	99	98	99.0%	16.7%	2

Baccalaureate RN Program	Graduates Produced	Number Graduates Licensed in SD	% of Program's Graduates Licensed in SD	% of Total Number Licensed in SD	Graduates Licensed in Other States
Augustana University	55	42	76.4%	7.1%	12
Dakota Wesleyan University	0	N/A	NA	NA	NA
Mount Marty College	27	24	88.9%	4.1%	3
National American University	23	16	69.6%	2.7%	3
Presentation College	60	14	23.3%	2.4%	29
South Dakota State University	295	230	78.0%	39.1%	74
University of Sioux Falls	56	44	78.6%	7.5%	10
University of South Dakota	144	120	83.3%	20.4%	16
Total	660	490	74.2%	83.3%	147
Associate and Baccalaureate Total:	759	588	88.4%	100.0%	149

Percent of RN Graduates Licensed in South Dakota



RN Faculty

Employment Status Respondents were asked to identify the number of nursing education faculty employed by their RN program. The table that follows provides the number of faculty in each RN program; part-time faculty were counted as 0.5 FTE if no specific FTE was provided by a respondent.

Faculty that were counted as full-time included instructional, administrative, or research staff of the nursing program who were employed full-time as defined by the institution, held academic rank, carried the full scope of faculty responsibility (e.g., teaching, advisement, committee work), and received the rights and privileges associated with full-time employment.

Part-time faculty were those members of the instructional, administrative, or research staff of the nursing academic unit who are employed part-time as defined by the institution, may or may not hold academic rank, carry responsibility for a specific area (e.g., teaching a single course), and may carry any number of titles (e.g., adjunct, clinical instructor).

Also included were administrative, persons employed to teach nursing theory, clinical practice, and/or lab. Those not included were substitute teachers, guest lecturers, faculty on a leave of absence or sabbatical, and faculty teaching in RN or graduate programs.

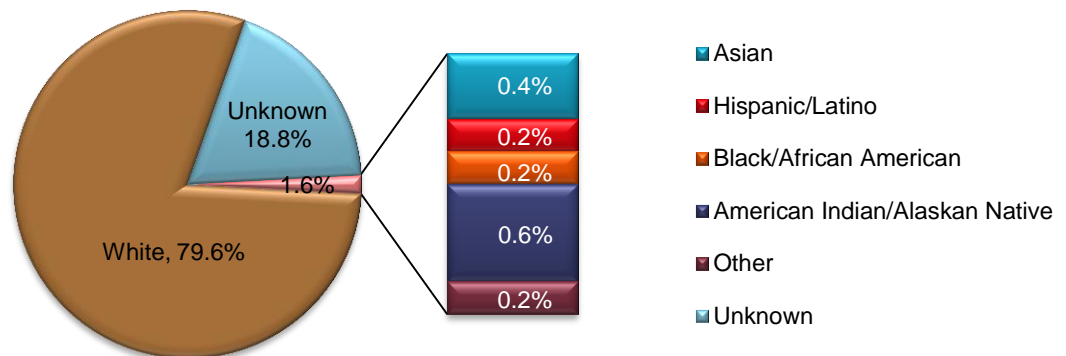
As shown in the table there was a decrease in the total number of faculty in RN programs by 9.5% (-20.6 FTEs) since 2015.

Associate & Baccalaureate RN Programs	Full Time	Part Time		Adjunct		Total Faculty	2016 Total FTE	2015 Total FTE	FTE Difference / % Change
		#	FTE	#	FTE				
Augustana University	10	1	0.10	23	3.7	34	13.8	18.6	-4.8 / -25.8%
Dakota Wesleyan University	10	0	0	2	0.6	12	10.6	13.9	-3.3 / -23.7%
Mount Marty College	8	4	1.9	1	0.1	13	10.0	10.5	-0.5 / -4.8%
National American University	4	0	0	13	6.5	17	10.5	10.5	0 / 0.0%
Oglala Lakota College	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	6.3	-2.3 / -36.5%
Presentation College	14	0	0	8	2.1	22	16.1	14.1	+2.0 / 14.2%
South Dakota State University	54	0	0	147	19.6	201	73.6	72.4	+1.2 / 1.7%
Southeast Technical Institute	4	1	0.1	0	0	5	4.1	3.5	+0.6 / 17.1%
University of Sioux Falls	7	39	5.3	4	0.3	50	12.6	18.0	-5.4 / -30.0%
University of South Dakota	38	1	0.1	39	3.8	78	41.9	50.0	-8.1 / -16.2%
Total:	153	46	7.5	237	36.7	436	197.2	217.8	-20.6 / -9.5%

Faculty Characteristics

Gender The majority, 63.8% of faculty in SD's RN programs are female.

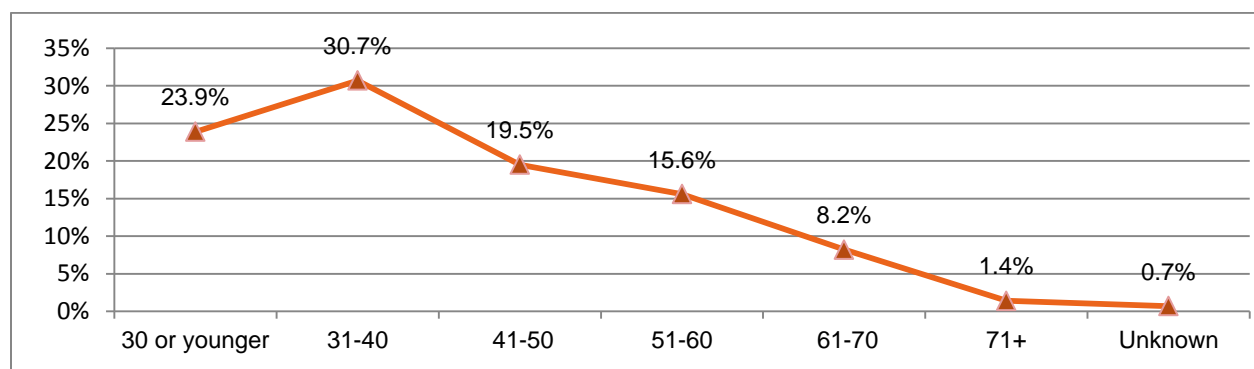
Ethnicity Most, 79.6% were white as shown in the chart.



Age As shown in the table and graph, the majority, 74.1% (323) of RN faculty were 50 years old or younger, only 9.6% (42) were 61 years or older.

	< 30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71+	Unknown	Total
RN Faculty	104	134	85	68	36	6	3	436
Percent	23.9%	30.7%	19.5%	15.6%	8.2%	1.4%	0.7%	100%

RN Nursing Faculty Age

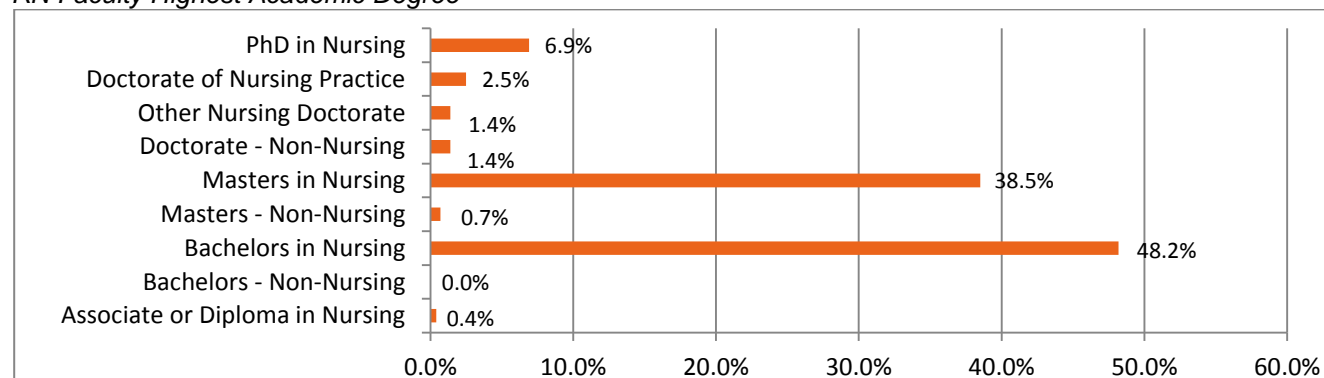


Highest Academic Achievement

The majority, 48.2% of faculty hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing as their highest degree.

Associate & Baccalaureate RN Programs	Associate or Diploma in Nursing	Bachelors - Non Nursing	Bachelors in Nursing:	Masters - Non Nursing	Masters in Nursing	Doctorate - Non Nursing	Other Nursing Doctorate	Doctorate in Nursing	PhD in Nursing	Total Faculty
Augustana University	0	0	16	2	12	2	0	1	1	34
Dakota Wesleyan University	0	0	1	0	11	0	0	0	0	12
Mount Marty College	0	0	1	0	7	1	0	1	3	13
National American University	0	0	3	0	13	0	0	1	0	17
Oglala Lakota College	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
Presentation College	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	2	1	22
South Dakota State University	1	0	124	0	53	3	0	1	19	201
Southeast Technical Institute	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
University of Sioux Falls	0	0	28	0	38	0	6	1	5	78
University of South Dakota	0	0	37	1	7	0	0	4	1	50
RN Faculty Total	2	0	210	3	168	6	6	11	30	436
Percent	0.4%	0%	48.2%	0.7%	38.5%	1.4%	1.4%	2.5%	6.9%	100.0%

RN Faculty Highest Academic Degree



Historical Notes

1980 – 1989:

- 1981: Huron Nursing College began Associate Degree (AD) Program.
- Fall 1985: Southeast Area Vocational Technical Institute (SETI), Mitchell Vocational Technical School (MTI), and Pierre School of Practical Nursing closed applications for PN students.
- May 1986: Sioux Valley Hospital School of Nursing graduated last diploma RN students.
- Fall 1986: Western Dakota Tech Vocational Technical and Freeman Junior College closed applications for admission to PN programs.
- Fall 1988: Presentation College (PC) began Baccalaureate RN program.
- June 1989: Dakota Wesleyan University (DWU) graduated last Rapid City LPN Upward Mobility students.
- Fall 1989: Western Dakota Tech (WDT) LPN program approved.
- Fall 1989: South Dakota State University (SDSU) admitted students to Rapid City satellite generic program.
- Fall 1989: University of South Dakota (USD) admitted students to satellite generic program in Rapid City and admitted students to satellite upward mobility sites in Watertown and Pierre. Watertown serves as 1+1 program, with Lake Area Technical Institute (LATI) offering first year and USD second year.

1990 – 1999:

- Spring 1990: PC discontinued AD Program; offer a Baccalaureate RN with AD exit option.
- Spring 1991: USD admitted students to satellite generic RN program in Pierre.
- May 1991: Rapid City Regional Hospital School of Nursing graduated last students.
- February 1992: Sisseton Wahpeton Community College (SWC) admitted first AD program students.
- 1992: PC classified as AD only; 100% of admissions exit at the AD level.
- 1993: PC AD program granted full approval. Generic BSN program granted interim approval status. NLN accreditation received for RN completion program.
- 1994: PC offered AD RN at Eagle Butte campus. Offer BSN program at main campus.
- Fall 1995: Augustana College admitted students to Master's program in nursing.
- 1996: Mount Marty College (MMC) discontinued Watertown campus career mobility program.
- 1997: Huron University (HU) on probationary status. Admitted students to BSN completion program. 1997: PC approved to offer BSN program with satellite at North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton, SD.
- 1998: HU interim status approved for BSN completion program.
- 1999: PC offered BSN completion program at Queen of Peace Hospital in Mitchell and at McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

2000 – 2009:

- Fall 2001: SETI received prerequisite status to implement PN program in the fall semester.
- May 2002: HU (Si Tanka University (STU) at Huron) closed AD RN program.
- 2002: PC offered AD RN Program in Aberdeen and Eagle Butte, South Dakota.
- May 2002: Si Tanka University closed AD program in Huron.
- May 2003: SWC AD RN program approval status withdrawn.
- July 2003: SWC and Sinte Gleska University (SGU) interim approval status granted for PN programs.
- November 2003: SETI granted full status approval for PN Program.
- January 2004: Approved expansion for articulation agreement between PC with SETI in Sioux Falls, LATI in Watertown, and WDT in Rapid City for BSN completion program for LPNs. Nursing courses begin Fall 2004 for LPN-BSN and Spring 2005 for RN-BSN.
- January 2004: SETI granted approval to offer PN program in Yankton, SD.
- July 2004: SWC granted prerequisite status to begin LPN-RN AD program.
- November 2004: DWU approved to offer LPN to RN program at SETI in Sioux Falls, SD.
- December 2004: SDSU Nursing PhD program approved by SD Board of Regents.

- February 2005: Colorado Technical University (CTU) granted prerequisite status for RN to BSN completion program. April 2005: granted interim status.
- May 2005: DWU granted approval to offer satellite program in Huron.
- July 2005: Full Approval granted to SWC for LPN Program once 75% NCLEX® Pass Rate met.
- May 2005: STU voluntarily closed nursing program.
- September 2005: SGU granted interim approval to offer PN program.
- November 2005: DWU granted prerequisite status for RN to BAN program.
- April 2006: National American University (NAU) granted interim status pending on-site visit for distance RN to BSN program. September 2006: Placed on probation status for noncompliance.
- September 2006: SWC granted Interim Status for LPN to RN program.
- November 2006: WDT practical nursing program granted full approval status.
- November 2006: NAU RN to BSN distance program granted interim status.
- November 2006: DWU granted interim status for RN to BAN distance program.
- February 2007: OLC AD program placed on probationary status.
- June 2008: NAU granted full approval for RN to BSN program.
- September 2008: SGU's PN program placed on probationary status.
- November 2008: DWU granted full approval for RN to BAN online program.
- January 2009: University of Sioux Falls (USF) prerequisite status approved for generic BSN, accelerated, and RN to BSN programs.
- April 2009: PC BSN and ADN Nursing Education Programs placed on Probationary Status for two years.
- September 2009: USF interim status approved for accelerated BSN program and RN to BSN options.
- November 2009: NAU granted interim approval status for generic BSN program.

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- February 2010: SGU continued probation status with follow-up site visit.
- April 2009: SWC PN program granted full approval, RN program granted continued interim status.
- April 2009: PC AD and BSN nursing programs granted continued probationary status.
- April 2009: PC approved for reorganization to offer AD courses on main campus.
- June 2010: MMC granted approval for prerequisite status for LPN program.
- September 2010: USD granted prerequisite status for RN to BSN program.
- September 2010: MMC approved for interim status for a Practical Nurse program.
- January 2011: MMC began first cohort of LPN Program.
- June 2011: NAU granted approval for Request for Reorganization to add Sioux Falls campus.
- June 2011: SWC approved for LPN-RN online program.
- September 2011: USD began first cohort of RN-BSN students.
- September 2011: SETI granted interim status for LPN-RN (Associate of Applied Science) program.
- November 2011: WDT University placed on probationary status.
- February 2012: USD generic baccalaureate program granted prerequisite status.
- February 2012: SDSU approved to offer accelerated BSN option in Aberdeen.
- April 2012: SWC LPN and LPN-RN programs placed on probationary status.
- July 2012: OLC granted continued full status.
- September 2012: SETI PN program granted continued full approval, LPN-AAS program granted continued interim status.
- November 2012: NAU approved for one Program Chair for Sioux Falls and Rapid City sites.
- February 2013: MMC Practical nursing program granted continued interim status.
- February 2013: USD generic baccalaureate program granted interim status.
- May 2013: SWC granted continued probationary status, to admit 16 students to PN program Fall 2013.
- May 2013: USF baccalaureate program granted full status.
- September 2013: WDT noticed of intent to withdraw program approval.
- November 2013: SGU noticed of intent to withdraw program approval.
- January 2014: DWU generic baccalaureate program granted prerequisite status.
- January 2014: SETI PN program approved to add online students.

- March 2014: WDT approved to continue probationary status for PN program.
- March 2014: NAU baccalaureate program continued interim status approved.
- June 2014: Augustana College accelerated baccalaureate program approved.
- November 2014: NAU generic baccalaureate program noticed to meet administrator requirements and submit correction plan.
- November 2014: SWC PN program granted continued probationary status.
- February 2015: DWU generic baccalaureate program granted interim status.
- February 2015: SGU PN program granted probationary status with 2015 site visit.
- April 2015: SETI LPN-AAS Program granted full approval status.
- September 2015: SWC PN program placed on voluntary hold; no faculty for 2015-2016 academic year.
- November 2015: WDT PN program granted continued probationary status.
- April 2016: SGU's PN program granted continued probationary status.
- July 2016: NAU granted continued interim status approval for baccalaureate RN program.
- September 2016: Mitchell Technical Institute granted pre-requisite status for a PN program.